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1. On 1 January 1954, the ZKB- Anlagenbau Buero and the PKE (Projektierungs- und Konstruktionsbuero fuer Energiesmaschinen) were combined and renamed VEB EKM-Kraftwerksbau, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. The technical director, Dipl. Ing. Kuse (fnu), found it impossible to administer this office which then had 750 technical employees and widespread work responsibility. Thus it was decided on 30 September 1954 to split this single office into two offices to be called VEB Dampferzeuger and VEB Turbinen und Generatoren, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, Zentralstelle fuer Forschung und Entwicklung, Konstruktion und Technologie. Both of these offices remained on the premises of VEB Bergmann-Borsig in spite of the limited space.
2. The various firms building turbines are having considerable difficulty in meeting delivery deadlines. The main reason for the delays is given as the lack of individual designing (Konstruktion) offices. This is especially true for VEB Bergmann-Borsig. The Dresden and Goerlitz turbine-building plants have only very small designing offices, with limited capabilities. The technical employees of the designing office in Berlin-Wilhelmsruh fear that they will be transferred to these smaller offices in Dresden and Goerlitz. Up to January 1955, Technical Director Kuse had been fighting the division of the office and had even threatened to resign if this plan went into effect. There exists a shortage of younger generation experts in the work areas mentioned. Therefore, young engineers are to be trained, in the already existing offices, for designing and for wiring power installations.
3. The power plants themselves continually request specialists from the central office in Berlin for testing and appraisals of their machines, since they have no technical data on hand.

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